

**BOARD OF SELECTMEN
TOWN OF MADISON
November 6, 2018
MINUTES**

Selectmen Present – Robert J. King, Jr., Josh L. Shackford and John Arruda

Others Present – Chief Ted Colby; DPW Director Jon Cyr; Madison TV Frank Murphy and Noreen Downs; VDOE Residents Adam Leiser and Paula Doyle; Administrative Assistant Linda Shackford; Madison TV Videographer Carol Dandeneau

Where and When Posted – Town Hall upper & lower bulletin boards and Madison & Silver Lake Post Offices on January 10, 2018. A change of location notice was posted on October 29, 2018.

Meeting Called to Order – By Chairman King at 5:34

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Motion by Arruda, seconded by J. Shackford, to approve the minutes of October 23th, 2018 as written. The motion passed **3-0**.

APPROVAL OF MANIFESTS:

Motion by Arruda, seconded by J. Shackford to approve the Manifest of November 5 – 15, 2018 in the amount of \$279,501.67. The Manifest breakdown is as follows: \$35,828.95 for Accounts Payable; \$22,542.16 for payroll; \$6,519.90 for payroll liabilities and \$200,000.00 for MES. The motion passed **3 -0**.

PUBLIC COMMENTS – VDOE Residents in attendance to speak to first agenda item.

DISCUSSION ITEMS/NEW BUSINESS:

Noreen Downs – Madison TV – Noreen Downs, Frank Murphy, Adam Leiser and Paula Doyle sat with the Board to discuss concerns of the Village District of Eidelweiss (VDOE) having the Madison TV videographer shut off the camera during a meeting for reasons other than non-public sessions. King asked if they state a reason that they ask this to be done. Doyle stated they do not give a reason, but people speculate. Leiser and Doyle feel VDOE is in blatant violation of the Right to Know Law citing several incidents in which they purposefully make obtaining information and attending public meetings difficult adding that the commissioner’s minutes to not match the votes taken on camera at the meeting. Leiser and Doyle asked for guidance on how to handle the situation adding that the Attorney General’s office has been contacted though they have not received a response. Leiser has also received advice from Gordan McDonald of a Right to Know advocacy group.

J. Shackford suggested they contact the Office of Public Integrity and speak with Investigator Dick Tracy with King adding that this Board has no authority over the commissioners or Madison TV. Arruda suggested that a policy be drawn up by the Madison TV Board of Directors in reference to RSA 91A with the intention of getting the videographer out of the hot seat.

Leiser cited other issues such as refusing to publish an agenda, inconvenient meeting times and returning to public meeting after a non-public session to conduct more business knowing the audience and cameras are gone. King asked if Leiser had considered a letter to the Conway Daily Sun. Leiser stated he intends to run for a commissioner’s seat next year and hesitates to so adding he is not looking to cause damage, just correct a problem.

Downs asked for an official recommendation that will take the videographer out of an uncomfortable situation by explaining that filming of meetings will continue with only the exception of recess, non-public session or adjournment.

Arruda suggested and the Board agreed to contact town counsel and ask for a letter regarding RSA 91-A that states the obvious; RSA 91-A must be complied with and have it be sent to all Boards and VDOE.

2019 Household Hazardous Waste Collection Appropriation – The annual Letter of Commitment was received from the Town of Conway regarding the 2019 Hazardous Waste Day appropriation. The Board reviewed the last four years of amounts spent on the event:

2015	\$1,439.40
2016	\$2,242.87
2017	\$3,227.24
2018	\$1,614.62

The Board agreed to a commitment amount of \$3,000.00 for 2019. The letter will be signed with the signature items.

2019 Health Insurance Discussion – Arruda spoke with the Finance Director regarding options for the 2019 HealthTrust Plans. A spreadsheet that Stacey created shows that the Town could save \$18,000 next year in premiums and the employees would contribution would be lower by changing the plan and participating in a HRA. The HRA would assist in covering the deductible increase. This item will be place on the next agenda under Old Business and Peter Chapel of HealthTrust will be invited to attend.

Assessing Expendable Trust Fund Withdrawal \$12,869.71 – King explained that there has been \$9,071.71 expended on the assessing contract with data entry of town properties from April 1 through September 30, 2018 which needs to be reimbursed by the Assessing Expendable Trust Fund set up for this purpose. Included in the request is the incurred expenses to be billed for October – December 2018 contract (\$1,266/month) equaling \$3,798 for a total request of \$12,869.71.

Motion by King, seconded by Arruda to request the withdrawal of the Trustee of Trust Funds for \$12,869.71 from the Assessing Expendable Trust Fund to reimburse the general fund for the expenses incurred from April – December 2018 for the assessing contract to measure and list the town by 2020. The motion passed **3-0**.

OLD BUSINESS – There was none.

Selectman Shackford's List – No items

Selectman Arruda's List – Arruda requested to have the most recent Vehicle Maintenance Reports generated for review by the Board and the DPW Director. The reports will assist in making decisions regarding the purchasing of new vehicles in 2019. L. Shackford will provide this information.

Selectman King's List – No items

Assistant's List – No items

SIGNATURE ITEMS

Manifest

Payroll & Accounts Payable Checks

Land Use Change Tax: Bradley 112-010-042 \$10,754

Purchase Requisition: 2019-HIGH-013 Amazon \$1,739.91

2019-HIGH-014 High Street Sand & Gravel \$7,500.00

Intent to Cut: McNair 246-008

Collard 247-002-02-1

6:12 PM – J. Shackford made a **motion** to go into non-public sessions under **RSA 91-A:3II (b)** The hiring of any person as a public employee and **RSA 91-A:3II (l)** Consideration of legal advice provided by legal counsel, either in writing or orally, to one or more members of the public body, even where legal counsel is not present. Roll call vote: Arruda – aye; Shackford – aye; King – Aye

6:21 PM – King made a **motion** to return to public session and seal the minutes of the non-public session under RSA 91-A:3II (l), seconded by J. Shackford and so voted **3-0**.

6:21 PM – King made a **motion** to adjourn, seconded by J. Shackford, and so voted **3-0**.

NEXT SELECTMEN’S MEETING – The next Selectmen’s Meeting will be on Tuesday, November 20, 2018 at 5:30 p.m. at the lower level of Town Hall.

Respectfully Submitted,

Linda Shackford,
Administrative Assistant